

Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

This State candidate questionnaire was developed by Hawaii Bicycling League, Kauai Path, Maui Bicycling League, and PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii to address current state issues of importance for walking and bicycling. Your responses will be made available online and distributed to our organizations' email networks. Your response will NOT be used as the basis for any endorsements - your response will be displayed verbatim. Please respond by July 25, 2016. Late responses will be accepted and will be posted as promptly as practical.

Thank you!

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1. I believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people who walk and bike. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments?

yes, but as an avid walker my main concerns are bikers who are not walker friendly. I've nearly been killed three times by careless bikers. All bikes should have mandated bells.

2. "Safe Passing" laws require that motorists provide sufficient space (3-4 feet for cars) when passing bicyclists; 32 states have such laws. I support the adoption of a "Safe Passing" law in Hawaii with specific passing distances. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

yes and anyone violating the law should be heavily fined. i quit biking because of too many close encounters with inconsiderate drivers.

3. Hawaii received \$171 million in federal transportation funds in 2016. While only ~2% of this amount is reserved for walking and bicycling projects, the state Department of Transportation has the option to use larger portions of these funds for walking and bicycling projects. I support increased use of Hawaii's federal transportation funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects to make walking and bicycling safer. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

A mandated 15-20% of federal transportation funds should be set aside for walkways and bikeways, anything less is thievery by our politicians. Many mainland city's have great bike/walkways. Look at our magic Island and how popular a safe environment is. Hawaii should lead the nation in bike/walkway.

4. The state has a "Complete Streets" law designed to create equality of access for all road users (people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit) by requiring streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. I support the strong implementation of "Complete Streets," including creating procedures that ensure full "Complete Streets" consideration on every project. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

with the transit system should have come a bike/walkway in its plans, either under or alongside the transit, and bike rentals at every transit stop.

5. The state Department of Transportation's 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii provides a plan for development of a network of bicycle facilities that have not been fully implemented. I support the immediate updating of this 13-year-old plan in order to integrate new bikeway planning practices and make it more applicable to current transportation and development conditions. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

when elected i will work with bikers/walkers and other officials to update the 2003, a plan that I helped implement.

6. Eighty-one percent of Hawaii commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 12% walk, bike, or take public transportation. I support the establishment of specific targets to reduce dependence on private automobile transportation and increase bicycling, walking and transit use, as Kauai County has done. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

I believe a high tax on second and third vehicles is a no brainer with all the tax monies going to finance bike/walkways. There is no logical reason 81% of commuters drive except biking is so difficult. Try biking down Wilder Av. to the UH some time, or from Waikiki to the UH. More students would bike if we had better bikeways. Traffic when UH is in session is horrendous, biking would help.

7. Describe ways that you have supported safer walking and bicycling in your community. (short answer) *

I ride the bus & walk since I sold my car ten years ago. I worked on the 2003 bike plan while with the Wai-Kahala Neighborhood Board as rep to the DOT meetings.

8. The State has the Bike Plan Hawaii (2003) and the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan (2013) for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. What will you do when elected to implement these plan? (short answer) *

I will work to implement more, safer & better statewide walkways and bikeways. The green bikeway on King Street is extremely dangerous. The Waialae bike path is a joke, as are others! We need a full roadway width bikeway from Hawaii Kai to Kapolei with tourist and residential bike rentals all along the way. Pick up at one station and leave off at another.

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